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communication channel to facilitate a telephone call associated with a priority channel request when no other communication channels are available, wherein the control logic employs spatial division multiple access (SDMA) processing techniques to free communication channel resources when neither a full-rate communication channel nor a reserved, reduced rate communication channel are otherwise available.

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Please cancel claims 110-115 without prejudice.

#### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application. Claims 35, 37-90, 94 and 100 are allowed. Claims 110, 111, 113 and 114 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 112 and 115 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 110-115 have been canceled. Claim 37 has been amended. No claims have been added. Therefore, by this amendment, claims 35, 37-90, 94 and 100 are pending.

#### Amendments

With this amendment, claim 100 has been amended for purposes of consistency, and not to broaden or narrow the scope of the claim.

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